

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held December 9, 2008, the Board took the following action:

4 The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Knabe:

"The Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count will commence January 27, 28, and 29, 2009. Thousands of volunteers will partner with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to conduct the street count enumeration that has occurred every two years since 2005.

"While the count itself is Federally mandated, the purpose and benefits of conducting the Homeless Count goes far beyond meeting a requirement. The data gathered in January will be extremely valuable to efforts to reduce and end homelessness across Los Angeles County. It will help service providers, policy makers, local governments, elected officials and other stakeholders understand the geographic and demographic diversity of homelessness so that the types of housing and services provided are responsive to the need.

"In addition, collecting this data provides an opportunity to track changes in the numbers and characteristics of the homeless population over time, and to monitor our progress towards ending homelessness. We must make every effort to support this process and encourage volunteer participation in this important endeavor."

Arnold Sachs addressed the Board.

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After discussion, at the suggestion of Supervisor Knabe, and on motion of Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Board took the following actions:

- 1. Proclaimed January 26 through 30, 2009 as "Homeless Count Week 2009"; and
- 2. Directed the Chief Executive Officer to work with the Executive Director of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority as well as the Directors of Public Social Services, Child Support, Mental Health, Health Services, Public Health, Parks and Recreation, Human Resources, Children and Family Services, Public Works, Community and Senior Services as well as the Public Library, the Community Development Commission, Chief Information Office, Children's Council of Los Angeles County, Policy Roundtable for Child Care, the Los Angeles County Office of Education and the Sheriff, to ensure support for the 2009 Homeless Count and encourage staff to volunteer.

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and Senior Services

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Executive Director,

Los Angeles County Children's

Planning Council

Acting Executive Director,

Community Development Commission

Director of Children and Family

Services

## Letters sent to:

Executive Director, Los Angeles
Homeless Services Authority
Chairman, Policy Roundtable for Child Care